GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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MOU BETWEEN INDIA AND BRAZIL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether India and Brazil have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on technology-sharing and undertaking joint studies on blending of ethanol with petrol and diesel during the visit of Brazilian Minister of Development, Industry and Commerce;

(b) if so, the details of the memorandum of understanding signed; and

(c) the extent to which both the countries have agreed to develop economic ties ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY COMMERCE AND INUDSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

a) Yes, Sir.

b&c) The MOU aims at enhancement of mutual cooperation and identification of desirable areas of cooperation in the field of blending ethanol with transport fuels on the basis of equality and mutual advantage. Under this MOU the Government of Brazil has agreed to share the technology for blending of ethanol in gasoline and diesel and to give consultancy relating to this field. The MOU shall be realized on the basis of implementation of programmes to be signed periodically. The implementation of programmes shall specify the range, subject and forms of cooperation including financial terms and conditions. The implementation of MOU shall be responsibility of the agencies to be designated by respective Governments in separate protocols, covering each specific project. Both sides shall promote cooperation between the designated agencies in both the countries with a view to concluding, if necessary, appropriate protocols or contracts within the framework of this MOU. Protocols or contracts, which shall be the basis for developing cooperation, shall be signed in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the respective country.